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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
TOGO

IPF:(1987-91) $24 700 000
(TOG/90/006) - Soutien aux groupements villageois dans la région des Savanes (Secteurs du Kpendjal et de l'Oti Nord)

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	15 January 1992
Expected duration:	51 months
Proposed executing agency:	ILO
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Rural Development
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$2 152 800 Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$2 152 800

Project background

Cooperative activities, including training and promotion, are relatively recent in Togo where they have been undertaken since the late 1960s with mixed success. With the creation of a General Directorate for Rural Development (DGDR) including a Division for Rural Extension and Co-operative Action in 1980, promotional activities in rural areas were intensified, especially since regional directorates with corresponding divisions for co-operatives and rural extension (DCV) were created in the same year. The Government has been receiving UNDP financed technical assistance under two ILO executed projects on co-operative promotion, one of which is still ongoing (TOG/86/009) Promotion Coopérative.

This experience has led to the conception of the TOGO/IFAD/UNCDF/UNDP/ILO supported project in the Eastern Savannah region providing assistance to pre-co-operative village groups in some of the remotest parts of the country (Kpendjal and Oti North). In March 1990 an IFAD evaluation showed considerable potential for agricultural development. Apart from increased yields, the cultivated area can be considerably extended through the introduction of animal traction. Both, cotton as a market crop and food crops offer possibilities of considerable expansion through crop rotation, use of fertilizers and pesticides and improved seeds. To this end, the Government requested UNDP technical assistance under the present approval. The corresponding UNCDF project (TOG/85/C04) was approved by the Action Committee on 27 June 1990 for an amount of (US) $4,921,700 for a duration of four years. Accordingly, IFAD will provide credit amounting to (US) $8,837,000; and the Government will contribute F CFA 755,605,000.

Description of project

The long-term objectives of the project are to: (a) increase income; and (b) ameliorate living conditions of the rural population in its zone of intervention (Kpendjal and Oti North) which is considered one of the poorest regions in the country.

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) improve rural infrastructures through UNCDF so as to provide farmers with access to markets (feeder roads) and new farming techniques (small irrigation schemes, animal traction, etc); (b) gain credit access for financing agricultural inputs for co-operative groups; (c) create a total of 157 operational village groups during the six years of project activities; (d) train all the participants in co-operative management and new agricultural techniques to a large extent by an IFAD

[1] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

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credit and undertaken by nationals; (e) conduct literacy training in the local language "ben" for both men and women; (f) promote support, repair and maintenance facilities as well as environmental protection and sustainability; and (g) enable women to be the beneficiaries of specific efforts in promoting their full participation in the socio-economic development of the villages.

Inputs

The Government will provide administrative and technical capacities of the staff in the Regional Directorate for Rural Development of the Savannah region, who will be put at the project's disposal as well as the facilities that will be housing the project's headquarters.

UNDP will provide a national project co-ordinator, three international experts and ten consultants for diverse specialities such as training, credit, new agricultural activities, irrigated agriculture, irrigation equipment, breeding, water and soil conservation, village drinking water schemes, monitoring and evaluation and other qualifications as required amounting to 123 and 31 work-months respectively, namely a specialist in co-operatives, a specialist in finance/administration to cover credit management, and an agronomist, specialized in irrigation and co-operative management of irrigated perimeters; a UNV administrator/co-ordinator representing the project whose headquarters will be in Dapaong in Lomé, a national agronomist/engineer to work closely with the irrigation specialist; administrative support; on-the-job training, training in organization and management of co-operatives and in the development of group activities complemented by that financed by the IFAD project; equipment including a light vehicle, a motorcycle and radio equipment; and miscellaneous operating costs amounting to about five per cent of the total budget.

Financial data

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Personnel	1 920 900
Training	90 900
Equipment	40 000
Miscellaneous	101 000
Total	2 152 800

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